



# Rhode Island State Pilotage Commission

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Ice conditions policy.

To all RI Full Branch and Probationary State Pilots:

Yesterday the MV "Njord Hadrada" experienced a loss of power while transiting Narragansett Bay in ice. Although the pilot requested that the vessel take precautions prior to transiting the ice, the vessel still experienced a loss of engine power. As a result it appears that the vessel left the navigable channel.

Based on the information provided to the RI State Pilot Commission from the USCG preliminary investigation, the loss of power was a result of the vessel not being "Ice Classed", while transiting through ice.

Therefore the RI State Pilotage Commission advises all state pilots piloting a vessel in ice that is not "Ice Classed" to proceed at a safe speed upon which should you experience a loss of power, you can keep the vessel safely within the confines of the channel.

This policy is effective immediately.

Capt. E. Howard McVay Jr.

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